



Group & Air Station Port Angeles



Active Duty Personnel: 107

Reserve Personnel: 21

Civilian Personnel: 6

Payroll:

Annual Budget:

Assets:

Mailing Address:

Commander

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Established: The Coast Guard's presence in Port Angeles began 130 years ago in Aug. 1, 1862 with the arrival of the Shubrick, the first Revenue Cutter to be home ported on the Olympic Peninsula. Ediz Hook, a level sand spit extending from the mainland north and east into the Strait of Juan De Fuca, was declared a Federal Lighthouse Reservation by President Lincoln in 1836. The first lighthouse was commissioned on April 1, 1865.

The Air Station was commissioned by the first Commanding Officer, Lt. Carl G. Bowman, June 1, 1935, becoming the first Coast Guard Air Station on the Pacific Coast. Its location was chosen for its strategic position for coastal defense of the Northwest. Group Port Angeles has responsibility for the operational units in their area which include: Station Neah Bay in Neah Bay, Wash., Station Quillayute River in LaPush, Wash., the 110-foot USCGC Cuttyhunk in Port Angeles, Wash., the new 87-foot USCGC Osprey, in Port Townsend, Wash., and three HH-65A Dolphin helicopters stationed at Air Station Port Angeles, Wash.

What do we do: Missions include: search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, marine environmental protection, and enforcement of laws and treaties. These missions are accomplished through the resources of lifeboat stations at LaPush and Neah Bay, the cutters Cuttyhunk at Port Angeles, Osprey at Port Townsend, and three HH-65A Dolphin

helicopters based in Port Angeles. Because of their wider range, the helicopters often respond to missions as far north as Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, the Air Station frequently responds to calls for assistance in logging and other inland accidents. The Group provides PERSRU, Supply, Administration, Naval and Civil Engineering, Communications and other support functions for Group units. Existing facilities include the hangar, administrative and support facilities, exchange, medical and dental clinic. The docks serve as pier facilities for the Cutter Cuttyhunk and 41-foot utility boat. The pier can accommodate vessels up to 400 feet.

Latest Operational Activities: Group / Air Station Port Angeles was search and rescued mission coordinator for a marijuana bust with a street value of more than \$15 million. The 60-foot sailboat OK Tedi was found smuggling more than 3,000 pounds of marijuana Dec. 1, 1997, by the 82-foot Cutter Point Bennett about five miles west of Cape Flattery, Wash. This is the largest Coast Guard maritime drug seizure in the Pacific Northwest since 1991.

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